

(b) if so, since when and whether 100 per cent foreign direct investment is permitted;

(c) if not, upto what percentage;

(d) the response of NRI's thereto; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the existing scheme, Non-Residents of India nationality/origin and Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) predominantly owned by Non-Residents of Indian nationality/origin having atleast 60% of beneficial interest in such bodies are allowed to invest in housing and real estate development sector.

(b) The Scheme is in operation since 1993. At present 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) is not permitted in this sector.

(c) As at (a) above.

(d) and (e) As per the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India since inception of the Scheme till April 2000 a total sum of Rs. 562.80 crores have been invested by the Non-Residents of Indian nationality/origin/Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) in the equity of Indian/joint venture companies engaged in housing and real estate development activities as envisaged in the Scheme.

Water supply to Nanakpura

3100. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Nanakpura, Delhi particularly in the H-Block water supplied for drinking is all spoilt and full of foul smell;

(b) if so, what is the cause of it and who are responsible for this; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Jal Board has reported that 20 samples of water from different houses of 'H' Block Nanakpura were lifted and test results have shown adequate free residual chlorine indicating potability of water. Three samples were tested for all parameters ensuring that the quality of water was good.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.